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FRENCH TAKE MORE TOWNS IN FLANDERS

Berlin Puts Out False Statements About Recapture of Langemarch.

ENGLAND REJOICES

British Officers Were Inspecting Newly-Won Positions at the Time.

By United Press
PARIS, August 18.—French troops continued to advance in Flanders today, capturing strong positions east of Steenbeck. Progress was also made north of Bixchoote along the road to Langemarch.

A brilliant counter-attack on the right bank of the Meuse River also threw the Germans out of all positions that they took from the French on August 16 and 17 in Courleres Wood, the official war statement announced.

North of the Aisne German raids were repulsed and in the Champagne a German attack was broken down by artillery fire. In Alsace lively artillery engagements are reported with a German attack near Steinbach having been repulsed.

Damage German Mine Sweeper.

By United Press
LONDON, August 18.—An engagement between British and German scouting ships in which one German destroyer and several mine sweepers were damaged was reported by the Admiralty today.

The biggest types of British vessels engaged in scouting work took part in the fight when they came on the enemy. The British ships opened fire on the German destroyer, damaging her, but the enemy ship escaped as did the mine sweepers.

The destroyer was conveying the mine sweepers. Several of the latter were damaged. The engagement took place off the German Bight.

German submarines were also engaged in the fight, the Admiralty statement said. The fight took place Thursday morning.

Germans Still Attack Near Lens.

By United Press
LONDON, August 18.—For the last three days German troops have continued to throw themselves against the newly won positions of the Allied forces near Lens. All counter-attacks have been repulsed, Field Marshal Haig reports.

"To the northwest of Lens early this morning enemy forces again counter-attacked our new positions," Field Marshal Haig's statement said. "They were completely repulsed after sharp fighting. A few prisoners were taken here and northwest of Ypres. There was considerable artillery fire during the night."

The full force of the British and French drive in Flanders may be determined within the next twenty-four hours. Aside from German counter-attacks which have been repulsed, there has been a let up in fighting on this front.

Positions beyond Langemarch have been consolidated by the British, while the French have made good their new ground along the Steenbeck. Continuance of the general assault will mark the offensive as an effort second in power only to that of the Somme.

England finds great satisfaction in the fact that Berlin found it necessary to put out false statements in official wireless statements yesterday. At the time the Germans were claiming the re-capture of Langemarch British staff officers were in the town inspecting the newly won English positions. Berlin also sought to create the belief that the British attack was over a much wider front than was the case.

Official denial was made of all statements from Berlin concerning developments in Flanders.

The French are keeping step with the British on the Flanders front. Their line is beyond Bixchoote running from the flooded area north of Lizerne across the Steenbeck to a point about mid distance between Bixchoote and Langemarch.

Berlin Reports 1,600 Men Captured.

By United Press
BERLIN, August 18.—Capture of 1,600 prisoners, one cannon and one machine gun in the defeat of Russians south of Groezizi last Thursday was announced today by the official war office statement. The Russians were thrown from their entrenched positions. Since July 19, the statement said, in Galicia, Bukovina and Moldavia the Teutonic forces have taken

41,955 prisoners, 257 guns, 548 machine guns, 191 mine throwers and 500,000 rifles.

The statement admitted the loss of Langemarch to the Canadians on the west front, saying, "We lost Langemarch after severe fighting. We occupied flat ground in a bend fronting the village."

Berlin Reports Sea Battle.

By United Press
BERLIN, August 18.—"On Thursday our guard patrols in the North Sea encountered enemy cruisers and destroyers on the edge of the British barred zone," an Admiralty statement announced today. "We attacked them and the largely superior enemy, under well placed German fire, hastily withdrew. We suffered no losses," the statement continued.

The British version of this attack of patrol boats states one destroyer and several mine sweepers of the German fleet were damaged.

HOG PRICES GO TO \$19

Advance Is 45c Over Day Before and \$2 Over the Previous Week.

By United Press
CHICAGO, August 18.—Hogs sold at \$19 a hundred pounds today, 45 cents higher than yesterday's record. This is an advance of \$2 over a week ago.

KANSAS CITY, August 18.—Hog

prices continued to soar today. Top prices for hogs were \$18.85, 30 cents higher than yesterday's record price.

With hogs selling yesterday at \$19 a hundred, farmers and bankers of Boone County begin to wonder what effect this will have on the present and future supply of hogs. The top price of hogs one year ago yesterday was only \$10.65, nearly one-half the top market price yesterday. The reason for this high price, according to Abe Ridgway, a Boone County shipper, is that corn has been too high for the farmers to feed, consequently few hogs are ready for the market. The farmers, continued Mr. Ridgway, are not feeding corn to hogs now. They are allowing them to run in pasture, holding them in this way until this year's corn crop is ready to feed.

Mr. Ridgway thinks that the present price may go higher and most farmers will hold their hogs. J. P. Wright thinks that most of the hogs will be put on the market immediately if they are in fair condition. Mr. Wright predicts that the present high price will not be increased to any extent and the prices will drop equally as rapid as they came up.

Farmers say there are fewer hogs in Boone County today than there has been for many years and that this statement is perhaps true of many other sections of the country.

L. L. Hunt says: "I think few farmers will hold their hogs for a higher market unless their hogs are in poor condition. All of these men think that the high prices will stimulate feeding, even with the present high price of corn. But at the present time few hogs are fat and ready to be sold at \$19 a hundred."

CORUM AND HEDGES IN FIRST 78

Former Students Among Officers Ordered to France at Once.

Several students of the University are among the seventy-eight lieutenants from Fort Riley who will sail immediately for France to help officer the National Guards and regular army that are now overseas or have orders to go. Martine W. Corum of Booneville, first lieutenant, a student in the School of Journalism last year, has orders to report to Hoboken, N. J., August 29.

Robert Lee Hedges, Jr., of St. Louis, a freshman in the College of Arts and Science last year, and Dinwiddie Groves of Dover, former Tiger star, also have orders to go.

Judge Murry Finishes Sixty Cases.

Judge John F. Murry disposed of more than sixty cases last week in the August term of the Probate Court. The term will close Wednesday. About 115 cases are scheduled to be heard and settlements made thereof.

D. D. Rosenfelder a Lieutenant.

D. D. Rosenfelder, a graduate of the School of Journalism of the University in 1915, is visiting in Columbia. Rosenfelder was awarded a first lieutenancy at the Officers' Training Camp at Fort Snelling, Minn.

AUSTRIA READY TO START PEACE PLANS

Germany's Greatest Ally Has Assured Rome Her Willingness to Help.

KAISER FOR IT, TOO?

America, However, Will Exchange Notes With the Allies Before Answering.

By United Press
ROME, August 18.—Germany has assured Pope Benedict of her moral adherence to the peace proposals put forward by the Pope, according to dispatches published here today.

Austria has gone still further and declared her readiness to start negotiations, information from the same sources asserted.

The dispatches giving this information were from Berne, Switzerland and were published by the Idea Nazionale. The reports were no more than were expected in government circles.

MARTIAL LAW IN GREECE

By United Press
ATHENS, Greece, August 18.—Martial law was extended today to include all of Greece.

Having taken the view that the Pope's action was taken on the initiative of Austria, the general belief was that the Central Powers would be the first to respond either officially or unofficially.

The Tribune asserts today it is positively informed the Pope acted entirely on his own initiative in proposing peace and outlining the conditions under which he believed it might be established. The proposals were put forward without consultation with any of the belligerents and without any external pressure, the Tribune asserts.

To Exchange Notes Before Answering.

By United Press
WASHINGTON, August 18.—America probably will speak only for herself when she answers the Pope's peace plea. It was stated officially today that the Pope's communication was such as to require an individual reply. It will be sent however only after the government has exhaustively exchanged views with the other Allies.

The State Department said today that the note was under careful consideration. How long this would continue Secretary Lansing did not know.

All Italian papers except the Vatican organ are aligned against proposals, cables to the Italian office here said today.

WILSON INTO COAL

Federal Trade Commission Will Be Authorized to Fix Prices, Belief Is.

By United Press
WASHINGTON, August 18.—President Wilson today moved to take action in the coal situation. That he will act next week is believed certain—probably authorizing the Federal Trade Commission to fix coal prices from the heads of the mines to the consumers. He will not authorize the taking over of mine operation.

Before this, however, probably within forty-eight hours, he will enforce the provision of the priority shipping bill and direct immediate coal shipments to the Great Lakes region, where a shortage exists.

NEW ROAD TO PASS THROUGH COLUMBIA

Dr. W. P. Dysart Is Told Route from Arkansas to Iowa Has Been Chosen.

TWO HIGHWAYS HERE

Old Trails Road to Also Be Included in 5,000-Mile Federal Aid System.

That the State Highway Commission has selected a new cross-state highway running from Jefferson City to Columbia and on through the state into Iowa, as part of the 5,000 miles of roads in Missouri to receive federal aid, was reported yesterday by Dr. W. P. Dysart. The information, which has not yet been officially made public, was given Doctor Dysart at the office of the commission when he was on a recent visit in Jefferson City.

"While this fact has not yet been made public officially, I was given to understand that the commission had definitely selected this new route through Columbia as part of the federal aid system through the state," said Doctor Dysart. "The commission is now busy selecting the highways that are to be included in the 5,000 miles. They expect to finish their work by this fall and will be ready to start work on the roads at once."

According to Doctor Dysart, the road will extend south from Jefferson City through the state, as all roads getting federal aid must extend through the state. What the southern portion of the route is was not disclosed. The northern half of the road is reported to start at Jefferson City, passing through Ashland, Columbia, Moberly, Kirksville and on through the state into Iowa. It is reported that the road will be known as the "Arkansas-Iowa Road."

Old Trails Road to Get Aid.

"At the same time I was told of this proposed new route I was given to understand that the Old Trails Highway had been definitely selected as part of the 5,000 miles of roads to get federal aid," said Doctor Dysart. "This road has been an established cross-state highway for a long time and I have no doubt that this report is correct. The selection of the southern route through Jefferson City from St. Louis to Kansas City only means that it is to be included in the 5,000 miles and not that the Old Trails Road has been eliminated."

Federal aid for improving the roads can be secured at any time, according to Doctor Dysart, who has had on hand for some time the blanks which a certain number of property holders must sign to secure the aid. "I will admit that we have been a little slow in getting started on the work," he said, "and it is time for us to get busy. The people along the southern route have simply been more wide awake than us and got things started earlier. As far as the highway commission doing the work, however, they will only supervise the job. It is up to us to do the work, and the sooner we get to work the better."

Two Cross-State Roads Here.

The securing of federal aid for the Old Trails Highway and the proposed new "Arkansas-Iowa" road will thus mean that two cross-state highways will pass through Columbia after the roads have been prepared by means of the aid the United States government affords. It is the opinion of several leading business men that Columbia and Boone County should

THE WEATHER

(Report issued Saturday.)
For Columbia and Vicinity: Generally fair tonight and Sunday; not much change in temperature.
For Missouri: Generally fair tonight and Sunday; not much change in temperature.
Forecast for Week Beginning Today.
For the Plains States and Upper and Middle Mississippi Valley: Warm and generally fair weather will prevail.

get to work immediately and keep pace with the other section of the state in starting the work of repairing the highways through Boone County.

"With our new Daniel Boone Tavern nearing completion and the other building activities now taking place in Columbia, we should be most active in getting ready to improve our highways and thus draw more traffic through Columbia," said one citizen. "The new hotel will be a special drawing card for motorists, but unless our roads are at least as good as other cross-state highways, we can be sure that travelers will find another route."

BIG QUEBEC EXPLOSION

All Means of Communication Cut Off Up Until Noon Yesterday.

By United Press

MONTREAL, Canada, August 18.—A serious and terrific explosion wrecked the Curtis & Harvey ammunition works at Dragon, Quebec today. Reports received here are that many persons were killed. Several hundred men were in the plant at the time of the explosion but communication with the town is so interrupted that only fragmentary reports had been received up to noon.

Upwards of two score of houses in the town are reported to have been blown up. A section of the Canadian Pacific Railroad was destroyed and all trains over that division have been cancelled.

A heavy pall of smoke is hanging over the country about Dragon. At the local office of the company no official report of the explosion had been received up to noon. Six hundred men are employed in the plant in four shifts. One report placed the number of dead and injured at 250, but this is probably an over-estimate as it could hardly reach that figure unless the explosion happened when shifts were changing when there probably would be 350 men about the plant.

A hospital train with doctors and nurses has left Montreal for the scene of the accident thirty-two miles from this city.

JOURNALISTS GUESTS AT DINNER

Four Countries Represented at Event in Honor of Prof. C. G. Ross.

Journalists representing Japan, Australia, South America and North America gathered Friday night at Harris' as guests of Dean Walter Williams of the School of Journalism of the University at a dinner in honor of Prof. Charles G. Ross, who has just returned after a year's leave of absence in Australia.

After the four-course dinner, Dean Williams, acting as toastmaster, called upon Professor Ross to relate his experiences as chief sub-editor on the Melbourne (Australia) Herald. Professor Ross pointed out the differences between American and British journalism with a thoroughness that showed careful study of conditions while in Australia.

Glenn Babb, son of J. G. Babb, secretary of the University, who has just returned from Tokyo, Japan, related his experiences on the staff of the Tokio Advertiser and described the essential differences between Japanese and American journalism.

Robert W. Jones, head of the Department of Journalism at the University of South Dakota, who is visiting in Columbia, spoke of his work in South Dakota. Mr. Jones stated that, although he liked his new work and surroundings, he was "first, last and always a Missourian."

Aristides Montello, who left Friday night for his home in Brazil after completing his work in the School of Journalism this summer, expressed his regret at having to leave Columbia and his appreciation of the open hand extended to him by all during his stay in the United States. He was presented a small American flag by Dean Williams as a token of the friendship of his fellow journalists at the University of Missouri.

114 GERMAN PLANES DOWN LAST WEEK

Record Stood 114 to 40, With Kaiser on the Losing Side at Finish.

11 MILES FROM RHINE

Extreme Daring in Bad Weather Brought Results to British Airmen.

BULLETIN

The French aviators were within eleven miles of the Rhine in their raid. Freiburg, which was raided, is in the grand duchy of Baden, 75 miles from Karlsruhe and eleven miles from the Rhine. It has a population of more than 60,000. Colmar and Freisecat are in upper Alsace.

By United Press

WITH THE BRITISH ARMIES AFIELD, August 18.—A total of 114 German airplanes have been brought down during the last week in fierce fighting in connection with the Allied offensive. Sixty-two of these were destroyed outright and fifty-two were driven down out of control. The aerial observations were carried out despite unfavorable weather and were marked by extreme daring.

A check-up today showed forty British machines missing following the week's fighting. The Prussian flyers took great chances in their efforts to communicate artillery ranges back of their lines. It was learned that they were under orders to get the ranges or die in the attempt.

111 French Airplanes in Raid.

By United Press
PARIS, August 18.—An air raid in which 111 French airplanes participated, dropping 35,100 pounds of projectiles on German military establishments, was reported by the war office today. Seven German machines were shot down and a balloon and eight other airplanes were badly damaged, it was stated. Two French machines failed to return from the raid.

The Colmar aviation ground and the aviation camp at Frescati and Habsheim were bombarded. Chamblay station and several other points were also attacked. Numerous fires were started and Cortemarch station was seen to be in flames.

Nancy was bombed by German aviators, but there were no casualties.

Drop Tons of Bombs in Belgium.

By United Press
LONDON, August 18.—Many tons of bombs were dropped on German military establishments in Belgium during another raid by British airplanes, the Admiralty announced today. Thouront station was raided Thursday, the statement said. Fires were observed in the ammunition camp and the railroad was damaged. The British machines returned safely.

TAXES UP TUESDAY NIGHT?

Council May Discuss Measure of Finance Committee Then.

The City Council will hold a meeting Tuesday night to award a contract for paving North Boulevard between North Eighth street and Range Line. Mayor Boggs is not sure whether Councilman Percy M. Klass will introduce the report of the finance committee about the merchants' taxes. If this is done, the bill will be discussed then.

USE PRISONERS AT FRONT

Germans Have 26 Battalions of French Ready for Dangerous Places.

By United Press
PARIS, August 18.—Twenty-six battalions of French military prisoners have been organized by the Germans to be used for work in dangerous positions at the front, according to revelations of H. Galli, member of the Chamber of Deputies. The government today sent a formal protest to Berlin.

WAR ACT STOPS STRIKE

England Keeps 40,000 Engineers and Firemen at Work by Force.

By United Press
LONDON, August 18.—The Munitions War Act was applied this afternoon to the threatened strike of 40,000 engineers and firemen on English railroads. This prohibits the walk-out and requires the submission of the railroad employees' 8-hour-day demands to the labor minister.